

**Tiverton Library Services
Board of Trustees Minutes
Tiverton Public Library
June 24, 2015**

Trustees/Director Attending:

Barbara Donnelly, Chair

Lee Hoyer

Jennifer Theroux

Maureen Morrow

Colin Robinson

Ann Grealish-Rust, Director

Guests: Kathy Gallagher, Friends of the Tiverton Library,

Lois Kane, Union Public Library Association

Jim Donnelly

Call to order at 7:00 PM

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting.

Minutes from June 3, 2015 were reviewed and approved. They will be placed on file.

2. Jim Donnelly, representing Nancy Mello, asked the Trustees to approve holding the municipal court sessions in the main Community room of the new library. In addition, he asked if the judges could use the Trustees' room for robing and meeting with participants in advance of the court sessions. The current venue for court sessions is Town Hall. He cited limitations with this venue related to its use as public space with many citizens passing through while court is in session while conducting business with town offices. Ms. Mello asks that the municipal court be given priority over other requests and specified the first Friday morning of every month for probate court and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays for municipal court. (See New Business for vote).

3. Treasurer's Report

Actual and estimated expense reports for the current FY were reviewed.

The Tiverton Library Foundation account balance is \$111,565.56

4. Union Public Library Association.

Lois Kane commended the Trustees, staff and all involved for the fine dedication ceremony, held in June.

She also reported that the UPLA is collecting books at Nonquit School for the sale on August 15 and 16 at Tiverton Four Corners. Barbara Martin is looking for volunteers to help with the set up and actual event. neckrd@gmail.com

The Union Library was pleased to keep library services fully running during the period when the new library was closed for move-in and then sprinkler repairs. Union has hired a new person to provide monthly cleaning services.

5. Friends of the Tiverton Library (FOTL).

Kathy Gallagher thanked Kay Hughes and Nancy Chase for the lovely reception that they spearheaded at the June dedication. She also reported that the Friends plan to have a representative at all children's events in the future. In addition, she announced that the annual Friends book sale and community event will be held September 19th at the library.

6. New Building.

Lee Hoyer reported that the dedication was a big success and was covered extensively by the media.

He also gave an update on the Building Inspector's decision to close the library from 6/22-26 in a turnaround from a prior decision.

The OLIS audit of accounts has been completed.

The Baycoast loan of \$150,000 will hopefully be paid in full by January using pledges received from donors.

Lee advised that the Foundation, over the next six months, could demand funds from the engineering firm to cover expenses incurred during the period when repairs were being made to the library in the amount of \$50,000 (25 days X \$2,000/day). The Foundation will draw up a letter.

Lee showed the Trustees drawings of a proposed sign for the new library. The Trustees provided some input and he will bring drawings to the next meeting. A suggestion was made that a large rock be placed at the entrance with the lettering "Tiverton Public Library".

7. Foundation.

Eileen Browning reported that the Downton Abbey gala raised \$16,000. A check was presented at the dedication.

8. Director's Report.

Ann reported that 242 new library cards were issued in the first week the library was open. Typically, 250 new cards /year are issued. She reported that several were issued to residents of Westport, a few to residents of Fall River and Little Compton. Ann asked if fees should be charged to out-of-state cardholders. There was a brief discussion but this was tabled with no decision made.

She did not have her usual written director's report because the meeting was held before the end of the month.

Lee asked about the metrics that should be tracked going forward regarding usage of the new library. Some suggestions were made and it was proposed that these be a part of future budget presentations.

9. Budget.

Ann presented a draft of expenses and revenues for FY 16 to begin July 1, 2015.

10. Old Business.

The meeting room policy was reviewed and some suggestions were made. Ann was directed to bring revised version to the next meeting

11. New Business

A motion was made by Greg Jones that the Trustees grant the probate and municipal courts priority for the recurring dates noted by Jim Donnelly use of the Community room at the library. Lee Hoyer seconded this and a vote was taken. This passed unanimously.

Maureen Morrow asked the trustees to consider accepting a piece of artwork by Jennifer Rashleigh-McNally while the art work policy is yet to be finalized. The giclee is of the Essex Library. The trustees agreed to accept this piece.

Elections:

Final Slate of Officers:

Barbara Donnelly, Chair

Maureen Morrow, Secretary

Jennifer Theroux, Treasurer

Greg Jones, Vice Chair

Lee Hoyer, Vice Treasurer

**The next meeting will be held July 29, 2015 at Union Public Library.
There will not be an August meeting and meetings will be held the
second Wednesday of each month beginning in September.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Morrow

Secretary